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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

10/589,538

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Applicant:

Klaus ABRAHAM-FUCHS et al.

Group Art Unit:

3686

Examiner:

Edward B. Winston III

Title:

METHOD FOR VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH A

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION ASSIGNED TO A

MEDICAL WORKING PRACTICE

Attorney Docket:

32860-001070/US

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview conducted on June 9, 2011 and the Interview Summary dated June 17, 2011, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time during the telephonic interview of June 9, 2011. During the interview, Applicants and the Examiner discussed the merits of claim 1 and the finality of the Office Action. In more detail, Applicants primarily set forth arguments commensurate with those in the Reasons for Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed on July 1, 2011. At the conclusion of the interview, no agreement was reached.

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Therefore, Applicants proceeded to file a Notice of Appeal with a Pre-Appeal

Brief Request for Review on July 1, 2011.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the

undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and

future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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